City of Ellsworth

1 City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth, ME 04605

RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:56 a.m. Most members were present at 8:30 a.m., but a quorum was not present until 8:56 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Eric Marichal, Vice Chair Kathy Young, and Members Kim Fitch, Josh Frost, and Melinda Workman.

Members Absent: Daron Goldstein, April Clifford. Staff Present: Assistant City Planner Matthew Williams

2. Adoption of September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Kathy Young moved to approve the September 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Kim Fitch seconded. Vote: U/A.

3. Update on Upcoming Winter Activities (i.e. Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade)

Tree Lighting

The Commission reviewed day-of plans for the tree lighting. Community stations open from 3pm-5pm would be:

- 1. Photo Booth provided by Woodlawn
- 2. Girls Scout S'mores Table
- 3. Lionesses & Flexit Hot Chocolate & Snacks Table
- 4. Machias Savings Bank Ornament Table
- 5. City of Ellsworth Letter for Santa & Tree Lighting Raffle
- 6. Witham Family Hotels & Ellsworth Public Library Book Giveaway
- 7. Union River Book Store Table

Toni Dyer and Glenn Moshier will be day of points of contact for the City.

The City rented a lift to put decorations and lights on the tree.

Chris Popper will MC the event and arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Carolers organized by the Grand will arrive at 4 p.m.

Kim will provide luminaries to be placed on City Hall steps.

Tentative schedule: 5 p.m.- quick intro/ thank you Jingle Bells Raffle Winner Announcement Silent Night Tree Lighting We Wish You a Merry Christmas

To Dos:

Who will be handling trash? Opportunities for Commission and other volunteers to help set up. Eric will distribute flyers around Downtown. Rain date set for Sunday November 27.

Christmas Parade

Kim Fitch stated that the parade is ready to go.

She requested that the City block off parking at Knowlton Park early in the day so parade participants can use the spaces.

4. Staff/Member Comments

There was discussion about needing more information about the ice rink this year. Assistant Planner Williams will reach out to the liner company for a quote and determine the feasibility of having the ice rink at Knowlton Park.

Due to the late start time to the meeting, members had to leave and other agenda items were not addressed.

5. Adjournment

Chair Eric Marichal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. Kathy Young seconded the motion. Vote: U/A.